HOUSE BILL 3589 By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses and sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-506, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

- (1) Statutory rape is a Class E felony if the defendant is more than four(4) years but less than ten (10) years older than the victim.
- (2) Statutory rape is a Class D felony if the defendant is ten (10) or more years but less than twenty (20) years older than the victim.
- (3) Statutory rape is a Class C felony if the defendant is twenty (20) or more years older than the victim.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.